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IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A webbing tie down assembly comprises an inner frame, preferably in the form of a pair of parallel inner plates, supporting a first clamping member having a first clamping surface, and an outer frame preferably in the form of a pair of parallel outer plates supporting a second clamping member having a second clamping surface. The inner frame and the outer frame are arranged to support webbing therein, the inner frame being mounted with respect to the outer frame for movement between a first position in which the first and second clamping surfaces are substantially together for clamping the webbing therebetween, and a second position in which the clamping surfaces are apart for allowing the webbing to slide therethrough. The assembly is characterised in that the first and second clamping surfaces are configured to provide substantially parallel surfaces in said first position so that a clamping force on the webbing is distributed over a relatively large surface area of the webbing. --